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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - PHILIPPINES

TO : EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/PHL - JOHN C. MONJO

1. PRESIDENTIAL LETTER (CONFIDENTIAL)

PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNED LETTER TO MARCOS JUNE 2. WE ARE CABLING TEXT OF LETTER WHICH AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE MARCOS AT CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY JUNE 8. (ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED FOR LATER DELIVERY.) WE ARE SEEKING WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL FOR AMBASSADOR TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REMARKS WHICH WILL UPDATE LETTER BY REFERRING IN POSITIVE TERMS TO START OF MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS AND RECENT FAVORABLE HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS.
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2. CONGRESSMAN BEDELL'S LATEST LETTER TO MARCOS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH BEDELL AND HIS STAFF WHO RECEIVED A DETAILED REPLY FROM ROMULO TO LETTER TO MARCOS SIGNED BY 123 CONGRESSMEN. BEDELL HAS PREPARED A RESPONSE

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TO THE ROMULO REPLY WHICH PRE-DATES AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RECENT FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS SCENE. THEY ARE SENDING COPIES OF BOTH THE ROMULO LETTER AND THE BEDELL REPLY. WILL FORWARD.

3. VICE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY INITIATIVE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AT A MEETING THIS MORNING, JUNE 6, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND AID, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT (BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL AVAILABILITY) AN ENERGY TEAM FOLLOWING UP ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S BILATERAL INITIATIVE WILL HAVE TO VISIT THE EA COUNTRIES DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JULY, OR DEFER THE TRIP TO SEPTEMBER. THIS TIMING WAS ALSO REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF EMBASSY MANILA'S RECENT REPORT (MANILA 9117) OF A PROPOSED ASEAN EXPERTS ON OIL MEETING, TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AS A MEETING OF ASEAN EXPERTS ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, IN EARLY JULY IN MANILA. THE PHILIPPINES SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT SEND AN ENERGY TEAM FOR A JOINT U.S./ASEAN MEETING JULY 10-11, WHICH WOULD BE IN PREPARATION FOR A DIALOGUE WITH SCHLESINGER DURING THE WASHINGTON AUGUST MINISTERIAL. A JOINT STATE/DOE/AID MESSAGE IS NOW BEING DRAFTED ON THESE ISSUES, INCLUDING A REQUEST THAT EMBASSY MANILA/AID INFORM US SOONEST OF GOP PREFERENCES ON TIMING AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE IT WISHES TO HAVE REPRESENTED ON THE U.S. ENERGY TEAM FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS (STATE 132443).

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